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Though unconvinced sincerity practicality Foreign Minister's proposal to refer problems of American companies to neutral commission (Embtel 308, Feb 9) Department agrees positive response desirable prior Toriello's departure for Caracas Conference and recommends following for oral presentation: 714.00/2-954 911.62/2-1454

(1) Department interested in most feasible methods of settling these problems but regards direct negotiations between companies and Guatemalan Government as normal means to be exhausted before considering any other action; (2) companies always disposed discuss conflicts or any phases their contracts, and any justifiable modifications, as has been demonstrated in negotiations with other Latin American governments; (3) corresponding Guatemalan disposition toward settlement could be shown in pending disputes, solution of which could better relations and define any issues not soluble by negotiations; and (4) details of Minister's proposal (per your draft) desired by Department for further consideration, as matter viewed of high but not primary importance in our relations.

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